

Families First in Numbers
Updated Information from August 2006

Current number of Assistance Groups: 67,719

Current number of adults: 51,363

Current number of children: 128,965

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 17,667

Closures in August

Total closures: 4,963

Closures for 18 month time limits: 258

Closures for sanctions: 1202

Work-related sanctions: 1200

Other sanctions: 2

Closures for employment: 886

Time limit closures since Families First started: 14,222

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 11,368

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$719.27

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$168.48

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases that close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.